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Pat Murray is the Associate Director of the National Legislative Service for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It is his responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement the VFW's national legislative agenda with respect to education, and economic opportunity with members of Congress, their staff and committees, and with other federal departments, agencies and organizations.

His mission is to work with Congress to create and protect the educational and employment programs and services provided by the federal government to veterans, service members and their families, and to help defeat proposals that are not beneficial to America's veteran and military communities. This includes executing the VFW's Priority Goals, as it pertains to budgets, education, employment, and capital infrastructure as well as working on *The Independent Budget*, which is a comprehensive budget recommendation and policy document created by veterans for veterans.

Pat served five years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in the Infantry as a Noncommissioned Officer. In 2006, he deployed to Fallujah, Iraq where his unit conducted hundreds of counter insurgency operations in support of Iraqi Freedom. After rehabilitating from a wound received in Iraq he successfully transitioned back to work in the D.C. Metro area.

Prior to joining the VFW, he worked for a smaller veterans non-profit that focused on employment for student veterans after their graduation.

In 2014, Pat received a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He is a life member of VFW Post 3150 in Arlington Va.